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Office Action Summary

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 November 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/GS/6)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/16/2005; 6/16/2006; and 6/13/2008

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2001/0036857 to Mothwurf et al. (Mothwurf).

In Reference to Claim 1

Mothwurf discloses a system and method (Figs. 1-7) of a jackpot casino system and betting terminals, comprising:

a gaming server [0015] operable under program control to regulate the progress of any one of a number of different selectable games [0015, 0085];

a user access facility (Examiner interprets this broadly to be a casino or narrowly to be a specific machine [0004, 0015] usable by a player to select any one of the number of different selectable games for play and to place a wager on any turn thereof [0019-0030 and 0139;

a communication network (Fig. 1 and [0015]) providing communication between the user access facility and the gaming server;

a storage means [0016] communicable with the user access facility by means of the communication network; and

a logging facility ([0015, 0219, 0108 data from hubs from MDC units sent into central database storage, also 0109-0120, 0124) associated with the user access facility, including:

a) a buffer memory capable of storing transaction data relating to the player's wagers on a plurality of turns of any of the different selectable games (see above references); and

b) a logging application software program operable to log transaction data in the buffer memory and to automatically download the logged transaction data from the buffer memory to the storage means when the buffer memory is full (see above references, also 0098, 0101, 0127-0128)).

In Reference to Claim 2

Mothwurf discloses the gaming server is communicable with a plurality of different user access facilities by means of the communication network, each one of the plurality of different user access facilities having a corresponding unique identification code and a corresponding logging facility ([0004, 0113-0114, 0123])

In Reference to Claim 3

Mothwurf discloses the logged transaction data downloaded to the storage means by the logging facility in each of the plurality of different user access facilities is consolidated and merged in the storage means (See rejection of claim 1, also network flow of data in Fig.s 2-7 into DMU)

In Reference to Claim 4

Mothwurf discloses the transaction data relating to any wager includes data relating to a size and type of the wager, an outcome of the wager, the outcome of the wager being either successful or unsuccessful, a size of a prize won by the player when the wager is successful, and a corresponding identity of one of the number of different selectable games on which the wager was placed ([0109-0120, 0067-0076, see also State info which is tracked, 0128]).

In Reference to Claim 5

Mothwurf discloses the transaction data relating to any particular wager also includes a unique identification code of a user access facility from which the player placed the wager (this can be the casino id or a specific player id, see [0013, 0141])

In Reference to Claim 6

Mothwurf discloses the games are casino games [0002].

In Reference to Claim 7

Mothwurf discloses the communication network is the Internet ("Ethernet" 0107 and Fig. 1)

In Reference to Claim 8

Mothwurf discloses the user access facility is a computer workstation connectable to the World Wide Web of the Internet ("game stations" 0178).

In Reference to Claims 9-13

Claims 9-13 claim the method of the apparatus disclosed in claims 1-8.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure is provided in the Notice of References Cited.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul A. D'Agostino whose telephone number is (571) 270-1992. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..
5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dmitry Suhol can be reached on (571) 272-4430. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
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/Paul A. D'Agostino/
Examiner, Art Unit 3714